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Cubans and Trinidadians open with victories at NORCECA Q

Havana, Cuba, May 14, 2014 – Cuba and Trinidad and Tobago opened with victories at the FIVB Women's World Championship NORCECA Qualification Tournament Pool Q on Wednesday.

Cuba capped the day with a straight-set (25-5, 25-17, 25-18) victory over Curacao following the 3-1 (17-25, 25-3, 25-9, 25-12) win of Trinidad and Tobago off Haiti.

The younger but bigger Cubans, showed superior tactics and technique even though committed unforced errors for moments, especially in their services.

School-girl Melissa Vargas (only 14 years old) was the top scorer of the match with 16 points followed by Jennifer Alvarez, who added 13 in the win as the only double-digit scorers for the home team. Curacao's Christine Anthony

finished with 11 points.

Cuba's coach Juan Carlos Gala said: "The first match is always a difficult one especially for such a young team. I think the serves were not at the peak level and that's our weapon to face the other teams, but the win is rewarding in front of your fans something that, paradoxically, we almost never do."

Jalicia Ross-Kydd and Krystle Esdelle each scored 12 points to lead the Trinidadians while Channon Thompson and Kelly-Anne Billingsy contributed 10 points apiece in the victory. Haiti's Esther Joachin finished with 12 tallies.

"My players were caught off guard a little bit with a slow game and low attacks," Trinidad and Tobago coach Francisco Cruz stated. "Nevertheless they recovered as a team and as result of that I am very happy now."